

**AGENDA ITEM 7:        Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District  
Feasibility Study contracting**

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**Requested Actions: Authorize Executive Director to execute Interagency Agreement amendment and execute associated consultant contract**

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Background: In June 2013, the Commission approved an Interagency Agreement in the amount of \$250,000 with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to perform a feasibility study for a regional Flood Risk Management Assessment District. In November 2013, the Commission ratified minor amendments to the Agreement.

In September 2014, Commission staff released a Request for Proposals for the contracted work. No proposals were received; among other concerns, potential proposers stated that the funding was inadequate for the requested work. DWR agreed to consider an increase in the Interagency Agreement funding amount if the Commission identified a suitable proposal.

Commission staff re-released a Request for Proposals in October 2014, and heard presentations from the top three proposers in mid-December. M. Cubed, a resource economics firm with Delta experience, along with expert legal, stakeholder engagement, and assessment subconsultants, was selected as the top proposer, at a cost of \$476,197. DWR has agreed to increase its Interagency Agreement with the Commission to that amount, and extend the Agreement duration as needed.

The DWR Interagency Agreement amendment will be drafted by DWR personnel and require the Executive Director's approval. Commission staff will draft the contract with M. Cubed, for execution by the Executive Director. The consultant contract will rely on requirements identified in the Request for Proposals and the consultant's proposal. Both agreements will follow standard State contracting requirements, templates, and processes.

Request: Authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute the funding increase and time extension amendment to the DWR Interagency Agreement. Authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute consultant contract.